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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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[REDACTED] BUENOS AIRES 4082

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, PARM, MILI, AR

SUBJECT: HELICOPTER PURCHASE BY ARGENTINE AIR FORCE

REF: BUENOS AIRES 3993

1. CHIEF OF ARGENTINE AIR FORCE AND JUNTA MEMBER GEN. AGOSTI STATED TO VISITING US BUSINESSMAN TODAY THAT IF APPROVAL OF EXPORT LICENSES FOR BELL HELICOPTERS MENTIONED REFTEL NOT RECEIVED BY JUNE 8, GOA WOULD PURCHASE FRENCH HELICOPTERS.

2. MANY LEADING GOA AND AIR FORCE OFFICIALS WILL BE AT PARIS AIR SHOW ON JUNE 9. WE CONSIDER REPORT PROBABLY TRUE.
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